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## THEIR FLAT.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ebrough had married on love, which was their joint possession, and on a salary of \$3000 per year. The love answered many of their demands to the fullest extent, but manifestly there was no way in which it could be applied to the settlement of the family bills. As for the \$3000, the young husband was so determined that his wife should have whatever she wanted if money could buy it, and Mrs. Ebrough was so anxious that her dear Charles should enjoy every comfort prized by man, that the couple discovered an amazing deficit the first year, and then an equally annoying one every month about rent day. For a little while they found sympathizing parents to help them out; then the head of the family discovered the fatal art of drawing his salary in advance; later came an accumulation of tradesmen's bills, and, consequently, an accumulation of duns. There also resulted some sleepless nights, and headaches, and domestic explosions, the effect of which were only partly removed by tears. Finally—of course everything else was tried first—the couple determined on heroic measures of economy. They would give up the house they had furnished so prettily, and go into a flat. They knew other young couples who lived in flats—real nice people, too, so why should not they? It might seem somewhat of a "come-down," and they could not have as much company as they had before; but, after all, what company did they really care for, except each other and their few most intimate friends? Besides, there were not some quite rich families who lived in flats? Flats were not city houses—each one exactly like every other one; there were large flats and small ones, flats with elevators in which the top story was more desirable than the first floor—better still, there were flats on the best avenues, whereas the Ebrough's present home was on a cross street, and startlingly near the plebeian part of the city.

So they went flat-hunting; and the very first suite of the apartments they saw was on Madison Avenue, and had every convenience and elegance that a heart could wish. They would have taken it at once had not the rent been five thousand dollars per year. Some smaller apartments on Fifth Avenue were less costly, but at the end of their first day of search Mr. and Mrs. Ebrough were painfully silent and dejected, for they had seen nothing desirable except what cost more than the house they were in. The next day's experience depressed their spirits still more; they were now quite willing to take any sort of flat, in almost any sort of street, if only it were clean.

At last they found one. It was only one flight up, it was in corner house with light all around it, the rent was only one-half as much as they were now paying, the house was too new to have shown signs of wear, and the landlord insisted that, as there were no children the house must be quiet. Besides, this particular flat was empty, and could be taken at once, at a *pro rata* price, for the unexpired portion of the month, so the moving could be done before the dreadful May-day, on which no carpet-layers could be found and cartmen were extortioners.

And what a cosy home the Ebroughs made in a single day! It is true that they were compelled to devote one room entirely to storage purposes, for they had altogether too much furniture for the collective floor space. They had also to put the piano, for the first night across the line that divided the parlors—an arrangement which, as Mrs. Ebrough very truly observed, spoiled the effect of depth. But they hung all their pictures, their bric-a-brac furnished the rooms more fully than it had done their old parlors, and there was no running up and down stairs to do. In fact they were so delighted that Mr. Ebrough had to run out and bring up an old friend or two to see how nicely they were getting on.

They retired late, but no sooner had Mrs. Ebrough fallen asleep than she dreamed that some one was occasionally striking her a sharp blow on the top of her head with a hammer. She finally escaped the blows by waking, but although she felt them no longer she heard them distinctly; and they came with such monotonous regularity about one in five seconds, that Mrs. Ebrough was sure she would jump out of her skin if they did not stop. At last she performed this impossible operation as nearly as she could upon

which her husband exclaimed: "Oh, Kate, are you awake? What do you suppose that noise is?" "Goodness knows," whispered Mrs. Ebrough, "but it's dreadful. Where do you suppose it is?"

There was some disagreement on this subject, so husband and wife sat up in bed and discovered it was directly over their heads.

"Perhaps they're putting down carpets," suggested Mrs. Ebrough. "Let's hope they haven't many then," said her husband.

It seemed they had not, for after the noise had lasted about an hour, and Mr. Ebrough had begun to dress himself so as to go up stairs and remonstrate, the torment ended, and the weary couple dropped asleep.

But the next night the same mysterious noise began just after midnight. Mr. Ebrough ejaculated "Ghosts" in a sepulchral tone, upon which his wife buried her head in the bed clothes. Suddenly Mr. Ebrough sprang into the middle of the floor, dressed himself, took a revolver from a bureau drawer, and in spite of a hoarse whisper of "Don't" from his, went upstairs and rang the bell of the flat overhead.

The door was opened almost instantly, and Ebrough felt rather ashamed of himself, for in front of him stood a little woman who seemed entirely composed and was neatly dressed, while he felt that his face was wrinkled, his hair in disorder and his clothes awry. Nevertheless he proceeded to business by saying:

"I'm very sorry to disturb you, madam, at such an hour, but most a peculiar noise seems to come from your apartments—I am the tenant of the floor below—I feared perhaps a burglar was at work here.

"Noise?" said the woman. "Burglar?" "There it is now!" exclaimed Ebrough, as the dreadful blow—not loud yet quick and hard—fell upon his ear. "That!" said the woman. "Oh, that's only the drum."

"Drum?" echoed Ebrough.

"Please?" come in a moment, sir, I'll show you," was the reply. Ebrough entered and was shown into the front parlor, where he was stupefiedly paralyzed by the spectacle that met his gaze. On a large rug, spread on the floor, were arranged inclined planes, ladders, hoops, balls, barrels and trapezes, all in miniature, and over and through these four little dogs were doing tricks, some quite difficult, their changes being regulated by taps upon a drum, which was beaten by an inoffensive looking man, whom the woman addressed as "Professor."

"I suppose you've seen them before, sir; though, of course you wouldn't recognize the two smaller ones, they being only learners at present."

"I can't say that I have," replied Ebrough, when he recovered his tongue.

"Why, how strange!" said the woman. "We've had them at every variety show in the city. Give me one of your cards dear."

"The card was produced, and Ebrough read "Professor Raffino and M'le Raffino, sole owners and managers of the marvelous performing dogs Lulu and Sprite. Twenty minute specialties. N. B.—Managers are warned to beware of persons who imitate our name as nearly as the law allows."

"This is the first year that my name has been on the bills," exclaimed the little woman; "but there's more business to be had than the Professor can do, so, as you see, were training a new couple of dogs for me to show. Of course, I'm Mrs. Mr. Raffino—the 'o' is only put on, you know—Mr. Raffino and I were married ten years ago, but M'le is better for business."

"I see," said Ebrough, meditatively; "but wouldn't it better to train them by daylight?"

"Oh, dear, no," said the little woman with a half pitying smile. "They have to act by gaslight, and the best time to do it is after the older dogs have been playing at the theatres—they're thoroughly woke up then."

"Just like us," murmured Ebrough to himself. Then he meekly asked: "How long will it take to train the new one?"

"Well," said the woman, meditatively "it's now almost May; I'm trying to bring myself to believe that I can risk taking engagements for September."

"Good evening—please excuse my intrusion—I assure you it was not meant," said Ebrough, rising abruptly. The woman saw him to the door, and said confidentially:

"Be thankful you're on the second

flat, instead of this. Oh, the noise, the noise! Alameda, the three-fingered cornet player, is over us. He's a peaceable, sober gentleman, but it takes him so long to learn a new tune that he makes us almost crazy with his practicing, and it disturbs the dogs dreadfully. I beg your pardon, sir, but may I ask you one question—have you any children.

"None."

"I'm glad of that; I told the landlord that if he let in a family with children we certainly should move. The dogs are very sensitive, and as they have to sleep by daylight, children's noises annoy them terribly. Good evening, sir, perhaps your wife would like to come and see the dogs perform."

"Thanks, you're very kind, but Mrs. Ebrough is not feeling very well this evening."

How Mrs. Ebrough felt when she heard who her neighbors overhead were is more than type and words can explain. She declared she would waylay those dreadful people, seize their dogs and kill them—throw them out the window—down them—anything, rather than have such vulgar, disgusting wretches in the house.

Fortunately, however, for the Ebrough peace of mind, the Raffinos went "on the road" within a day or two, and there were undisturbed slumbers on the second floor. The new tenants were nevertheless determined to move as soon as they could, but they arranged to have a little "housewarming" first. They were delighted, when the friends arrived, to learn how many people could be packed in the two parlors of a flat, and that there actually was room for two sets in a quadrille. Everybody had chatted and danced, cake, ices, coffee and wine had been served, and another dance had just begun when the bell of Ebrough's own door rang. The servant opened it, and Ebrough, hurrying out to greet the late arrival whoever it might be, found in his hall Professor and M'le Raffino with dogs drum, rug and all. Worse yet, fully half of his guests saw them.

"We've just got home from a 'stop gap,'" explained a woman, "and we heard the music and dancing down here, and saw two or three carriages at the door, and I just said to the Professor, 'Let's go down and give a free show to their friends.' The Professor he was rather offish about it, not that he minds obliging a neighbor, but in our business it's awful difficult to deadhead your best friends without somebody finding it out and wanting to be deadheaded to. But when I reminded that you once got out of your comfortable bed at the dead of night and came up to see if burglars weren't going through our flat, he just said 'That is so Jane Mariah, we'll do it, and they can encore every blessed thing on the programme, if they want to.' So here we are; which room shall we lay the rug in?"

"You're too kind for anything," gasped Ebrough; "but our friends are just about going home—some of them have already made their radieux—I can't thank you enough, but—"

"Nonsense, Ebrough," said Tom Moxon, bosom friend of Ebrough's and a good fellow, although not of the most refined tastes; "you shan't do us out of any unexpected fun in that way. Come right in, Madame, you, too, sir—come into the front parlor—more people can see there." And right in his own house and before not only his dearest friends but some people whom Ebrough knew were very fastidious, "The Marvelous performing dogs Lulu and Sprite," went through all their tricks, and some of the lady guests pronounced them just too cunning for anything. Then, while her husband was packing the ladders, trapezes etc., in the rug, "M'le" Raffino went among the guests and distributed her husband's business cards informing each person in strict confidence, that during the summer months the show might be engaged, for private entertainments, at twenty-five dollars per night, travelling expenses paid.

The Ebroughs never heard the end of it. Tom Moxon's sweetheart discarded him for his share in the affair, and as Tom could not avenge himself on her, he "cut" his old friend. Some of the guests to whom Mrs. Ebrough had been most attentive never made their "party call" and were chillingly polite whenever she met them afterward. The Ebroughs moved, trying to redeem their lost standing by taking expensive apartments at a first-class family hotel, but all to no avail, and they finally changed their base so radically that they now occupy a cottage on the outskirts of Philadelphia.—*New York Hour.*

## Between the Two.

"Do your women customers bother you much?" asked a citizen who was talking with a grocer the other morning.

"Well they seldom want to pay the prices. It seems natural for them to want to beat down the figures. There comes one now who probably wants strawberries. Here are some fresh ones at fifteen cents per quart, and yet if I should ask her only eleven she'd want ten for ten."

"Say, try it on, just for a joke. If she asks the price put it at eleven."

The grocer agreed, and presently the woman came up, counted the sixteen boxes of berries under her nose, and of course inquired:

"Have you any strawberries this morning?"

"Yes'm."

"Fresh ones?"

"Yes'm."

"In quart boxes?"

"Yes'm."

"How much?"

"Only eleven cents per box, madame."

"I'll take the whole lot," she quietly observed as she handed out a \$5 bill and take 'em she did.

The citizen disappeared at that moment, and the grocer somehow believes that it was a put-up job between the two.

## The Postmaster Explained.

EASY LESSONS IN CIVIL SERVICE.

"Why do they call him a postmaster?" asked Rollo, as he came out of the postoffice.

"Because," replied Rollo's father, "he never goes anywhere; always stays in one place, like a post."

"And he stays there so well," added Rollo's uncle, "and is so hard to get out, that he is called the boss post, or postmaster."

"And frequently," said Rollo's father, "he is stuck, and hence the term post is doubly appropriate."

"And not infrequently," continued Rollo's uncle George, "he is knotty."

"But when he is naughty he runs away, does he not?" asked Rollo.

"Then," said Rollo's father, "having been found capable of motion, he ceases to be postmaster."

"Unlike most posts," said Rollo's uncle George, "the postmaster will not always do to tie to. Sometimes the government loses all its money in his hands."

"As how?" asked Rollo.

"It leaks out of the post hole," said Rollo's uncle.

"Does the postmaster know a great deal?" inquired Rollo.

"He is a man of letters," replied his father, "and in the smaller offices he is required to know all there is on the postal cards. In the larger offices he is required to know upon which side his bread is buttered."

"I should think," said Rollo, "that anybody would know that much."

"Not so easily as you think," replied his father. "Many times a wise man has been unable to tell, until he dropped his bread in the sand, where it invariably falls on the buttered side, and then the bread is ruined."

"How, then," asked Rollo, "can the man ascertain without letting his bread fall?"

Rollo's uncle George laid his finger on the side of his nose and looked very wise.

"He must," he said, looking impressively at Rollo, "he must ask the man who puts on the butter."

Rollo said he thought he understood it now, and, bidding his father and uncle George good-by, he slowly walked to school, revolving in his mind these things he had heard, and marking the answers in his grammar lesson down on his nice wide, white cuff.—*Burlington Hawkeye.*

## Without Argument.

He was a young lawyer, and was delivering his maiden speech. Like most young lawyers, he was florid, rhetorical, scattering and weary. For four weary hours he talked at the Court and the jury, until everybody felt like lynching him. When he got through, his opponent, a grizzled old professional, arose, looked sweetly at the judge, and said:

"Your Honor, I will follow the example of my young friend who has just finished; and submit the case without argument."

Then he sat down, and the silence was large and oppressive.

## It was Sent to Her House.

The Albany *Argus* says: A certain pretentious shopper, after teasing the clerks of a dry goods store beyond the forbearance limit, pompously ordered a spool of thread sent to her house. It was agreed that she should be made an example of, and a warning to her kind. She was surprised, and her neighbors were intensely interested, shortly after she had arrived home. A common dray drawn by four horses proceeded slowly up to her door. On the dray, with bare arms, were a number of stalwart laborers. They were holding on vigorously to some object which she could not see. It was a most puzzling affair. The neighbors stared. After a deal of whistling, cracking, and other impressive ceremonies, the cart was backed against the curb. There, reposing calmly, end up in the centre of the cart floor, was the identical spool of thread which she had "ordered." It seemed to be coming all right. With the aid of a plank, it was finally rolled, barrel fashion, safely to the sidewalk. After a mortal struggle it was "unpended" on the purchaser's doorstep. The fact that the purchaser came out a minute later and kicked her own property into the gutter detracted nothing from it.

## Despoiling the Forests.

The *Northwestern Lumberman* says: "The great pine forests of Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota are beginning to show the signs of exhaustion. There is a shortage of production this year in these States footing up about 600,000,000 feet. The average of 'first quality' lumber has run down from 12 per cent, ten years ago to 2 per cent, last year, showing the rapid deterioration of stock which is brought to the mills. The quality of the logs is much poorer than ever before, as many have been put in from land once cut over, and new land has been cleared of everything that will make a cull board. The improvident lumberman, who in the past cut only the choice pine and left the remainder to be devastated by fire, now saws down his trees close to the root to save an ax kerf, scrapes the ground with a fine-tooth rake to get every log that will make passable mill culls, and will discharge a foreman that leaves on the ground a log six inches in diameter."

## A Strangely Assorted Pair.

When John O'Brien, the well-known circus man, was in the high tide of prosperity, among the attractions in the retinue of side-shows following his tent there was a freak known as Walter Stewart. This human monstrosity was without legs or hands, but he had short stubby arms, and it was considered an interesting sight to see him shave himself by the use of these half-formed limbs. Although repulsive in other respects, it was said that Stewart possessed average intelligence. One season O'Brien was accompanied on his tour by a charming and beautiful young daughter. Kitty was her name, and she was the idol of her amusement loving parent. He was worth at least \$250,000 at that time and he lavished every attention upon his beloved child. Kitty had her own will in almost everything. She got acquainted with the side-show monstrosity, Walter Stewart, and day after day went surreptitiously to converse with him. At length, before the father had the slightest inkling of the course affairs had taken, his daughter had become strangely infatuated with and secretly married the deformed creature. O'Brien, in his anger, cast her completely off, and never spoke to either of the two afterward. But Kitty clung stoutly to her choice, ministering to his wants, accompanying him in shows and museums, and to all appearances loving him. They finally acquired a competence, settled down, and raised an interesting family of well-formed boys and girls.

## A War Story.

We find the following story in an exchange: Nearly all of our readers, we suppose, are acquainted with the romance connected with the 126th regiment of Pennsylvania volunteers. A fragile and feminine looking person belonged to company F of that regiment, and gave the name of Frank Mayne. Mayne did not associate with the rest of the members of the company except a man by the name of Fitzpatrick. While the regiment was encamped at Cloud's mill, below Alexandria, in

Virginia, Fitzpatrick was taken suddenly sick and removed to the hospital in the latter place. In a few days he died, it was said, of smallpox. Mayne displayed considerable grief over the death of his companion. He procured a pass to Alexandria soon after on the plea of some business, but never returned. It was thought that he had deserted. Soon after a soldier was wounded in Western Tennessee, and upon being taken to the hospital it was discovered that the soldier was a female and none other than Frank Mayne. A few weeks ago a member of the 126th regiment was standing on the railway station at Altoona, when he was approached by a man who proved himself to be Fitzpatrick, who was supposed to have died of smallpox. He explained how he and Mayne wished to transfer the scene of their military exploits from the east to the west, he had feigned sickness and escaped from the hospital and was joined by Mayne. They both joined an Ohio regiment, after which they were wounded while in battle and Mayne was discovered to be a female. Mayne is his wife and they are now living happily in Illinois. He and his wife receive pensions under the names of Fitzpatrick and Mayne and on this account he would not tell his real name.

## Straw Lumber.

There can be no question that straw lumber is admirably adapted to many kinds of finished, work barrels, table and counter tops, fine doors, and ornamental work; and we are assured that it can be produced and sold in competition with walnut, at about one-half the price of the latter. The standard manufacture is in widths of thirty-two inches, a length of twelve feet and a thickness corresponding to that of surfaced boards. These dimensions may be varied to suit such orders as may be given, and embrace any width, length or thickness. Unlike lumber, however, the narrower widths are more costly. The straw lumber may be ripped with the hand saw or buzz saw, may be run through the sticker for the manufacture of moldings, and takes a nail or screw about as well as oak. It may be finished with varnish or with paint, and is susceptible to a high polish. It is practically water and fire proof, being manufactured under five hundred degrees of heat, and we are assured being boiled for some hours without any apparent change of structure. Its tensile strength is greater than that of walnut or oak, and its weight about one-fifth greater than the former when dry. It is made from any kind of straw including hemp and flax fibre—in fact from any material that will make pulp—and a ton of straw will make a thousand feet of boards. The pulp is rolled into thin sheets, a number of which, corresponding with the thickness of the lumber desired, are placed together with a peculiar cement, which is claimed to be water-proof, and are then rolled under a pressure sufficient to amalgamate them into a solid mass, which may even be worked with a plane if desired.

When it is remembered that it takes one hundred years to grow a tree to maturity, suiting it to commercial purposes—and a tree producing sixty-two inch lumber will require fully twice that time—while twenty thousand feet per acre is a large yield under the most favorable circumstances, it will at once be realized that where three thousand feet can be taken from an acre of ground for an indefinite number of years, the process which enables such a result to be accomplished, and which will yield a really valuable lumber, is one of vast importance. We look for valuable results in the future in the manufacture of lumber from what is practically a waste material, but which will be produced in endless quantities so long as the United States maintains its present character as a grain producing country.

## New York Custom House Inspectors.

The night inspectors are appointed to prevent smuggling, are uniformed and armed, and are authorized to stop and search reasonably suspected persons who may go on board or come from the vessel. The office is by no means a sinecure. It involves watching, exposure and fatigue. The Cuban steamers have been wont to bring men who inclosed cigars in rubber bags and threw them into the waters of the lower bay. Confederates in

boats then picked them up, placed them in express wagons waiting on the shore, and then drove rapidly away. There is something contagious in the glee of wide-awake officials as they relate how they had watched unseen the whole operation until the wagon was ready to start, when they seized the reins, and landed the spoils at the seizure room. One French steamer, notorious for smuggling by dribbles, when searched by this force, was found to contain thirteen hundred bottles of spirits, which it was intended to send ashore bottle after bottle. Tins about an inch deep, and fitted to the body under the armpits, have been taken from the bodies of men who were thus stealthily bringing in valuable bay oil. One dealer in human hair, who died in possession of about \$200,000, was detected in illicit importations under the skirts of his agents. Another vivacious fellow, belonging to a French steamer, rejoiced in a profitable trade in kid gloves secreted by the dozen in his immense boots. Sailing vessels are watched by special agents, whose duties are irksome enough to render special supervision by superiors a matter of positive necessity. Dealers in contraband goods, scamps who live by their wits, and unscrupulous traders of many kinds tax the resources of human ingenuity and craft to the uttermost. Logs of foreign wood, cunningly excavated and packed with cigars and spirits; cases of boots and shoes, in the heels of which watches and jewelry are hidden; miraculous trunks, false as Machiavelli, being thinly hollow on side and end, top and bottom, concealing laces, hair, trinkets, etc., etc., are among the common devices of ingenious freebooters. Keen, honest, true men—such as may be seen on any tour of night inspection, like mastiffs at their post, and especially if visitors be expected—are needed to baffle the plots of the rascals. Political affiliations constitute no guarantee of efficiency. The best attainable is through rigid adherence to rules of the civil service reform.—*Harper's Magazine.*

## Fortunes in Dogs.

Among the \$356,000 worth of dogs exhibited at the New York show, were some worthy of note. Two were \$10,000 dogs. One is a deer-hound and the other a pointer. Of course no one would pay \$10,000 for either, but that's the value placed on each by their respective owners. There are several dogs supposed to be worth from \$2,000 to \$5,000. The \$10,000 pointer (Meteor) took the prize for dogs of that breed. His competitor was an English dog (Beaufort) and the international rivalry over the two was almost as strong at the walking match. The large English contingent present maintained that the English dog should get the first prize, and the Americans held that the American dog was entitled to it. Many bets were made as to which would get it, and when the judge decided in favor of the American dog, about \$5,000 changed hands.

## Plantation Philosophy.

Dar neber was a man so smart dat dar wasn't nobody else smarter.

De bes' pussion is made o' de smile an de tear. Sunshine and rain is whut makes de cotton.

When the ole man gits mad he's awful. De ole family hoss, when he runs erwey ta'rs de buggy all ter pieces.

De mo' er man think's o' hisse'f, de mo' he thinks o' de debil, for in all things de debil shows dat he sider hisse'f fust.

De wust fool is de fool whut tries ter vince his 'quaintances dat dar ain' no God, fur at de las' he cries wid de loudest voice an' wants mussy de quikes'.

De smart man may teach yer how ter lib but de Chris' ken tell you how ter die.

De man what tells one truth, alldough it may make de cummunity mad is, greater den de man whut tells a hundred lies ter please der neighborhood.

Truth followed in de right way, is de foundation of dis worl's happiness. De liar may 'muse de folks, but nobody wants ter ax his 'pinion consarnin' a 'portant matter.

A Chicago woman while out promenading with her husband, suddenly darted from his side and struck a man in the face. The individual she hit was a former husband from whom she was divorced. If divorced men in Chicago are not wearing base ball catchers' masks it's time for them to begin to do so.



## Providence Independent.

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Thursday, July 3, 1884.

SULLIVAN, the slugger has gained fresh notoriety by getting drunk.

It is reported that thirty insane patients of the Berks county almshouse are employed at making hay.

KELLY, as usual, has the New York democratic bull by the horns. Cleveland appears to be clinging to the tail.

RANDALL is about the only rock left for the Democratic party to stand upon this Presidential year. He is a solid statesman.

The politicians of the land will soon gird on their armor and go forth to battle for themselves in the name of their country. It's the spoils they're after, sure.

THERE has been so much cross-firing among the Star Route lawyers at each other that the people find it not a little difficult to decide what is truth in the matter. One thing the general public very well understands, and that is that the whole prosecution, from beginning to end, was a miserable failure.

THE Commissioners of the Cincinnati Industrial Exposition have asked Congress to give \$65,000 to that enterprise. Requests of this kind are too numerous. To comply with them is to establish miserable precedents. The Constitution makes no provisions for side-shows.

It is stated that General Logan has practically finished his letter of acceptance. It promises to settle the whole business, to put the Republican party on an everlasting rock. A great document it will be! It will cure dyspepsia and all kindred diseases, and cleanse the general system of all impurities.

THE Thirtieth Annual Commencement of Ursinus College reflected much credit upon that worthy institution of learning. The entire programme was rendered in an eminently satisfactory and praiseworthy manner. The addresses made by the graduates indicated thorough mental discipline. Ursinus deserves a brilliant and successful future, and judging by the indications of the present it will get what it deserves.

THE River and Harbor bill was passed in the Senate Tuesday, its provisions having during the process of consideration in that body expanded to thirteen and a half millions of dollars. This is an even more masterly raid on the Treasury than the last, which was only equivalent to nine millions a year for two years. Mr. Randall was right when he said that there was only one thing more defenceless than our coast, and that was the Treasury of the United States.

B. F. JONES, an iron manufacturer of Pittsburg, has been selected as chairman of the Republican National committee. He was a bolter two years ago and was then recognized as a distinguished kicker. It is claimed that the appointment of Jones is Blaine's notice to Cameron of a revengeful purpose, and so on, all of which will serve to create a little extra political excitement—nothing more. The kickers of '84 can say to Mr. Jones: "You are a fair pattern, as you kicked once so we kick now."

THE Senate, very early in the present session of Congress, passed a bill to regulate the count of the electoral votes cast for President and Vice-President. It was passed by a large majority of the members present, Republicans and Democrats alike voting for the bill. It was supposed at the time that the House of Representatives would promptly take up the bill, and would probably concur with the Senate. Such, however, has not been the fact. Last week the House passed a very different bill; and, inasmuch as there is no probability that the Senate will adopt the bill, and none that the House will adopt the Senate bill, the result is that nothing will be done on the subject at this session of Congress. There seems but little prospect that anything will be done at the next session of Congress, just before the electoral count takes place. Congress, not heeding the warning given in 1876, has for the last eight years treated this whole subject with the most shameful neglect. It ought to have proposed an amendment to the Constitution, providing against the recurrence of such perils as threatened the peace of the country in 1876; and, failing to do this, then it ought most certainly to have made some pro-

visions by law against these perils. An Electoral Commission served as a temporary expedient in 1876; but there is no probability that such an expedient would be resorted to a second time. What is really wanted is a constitutional amendment; but this is now not practical until after the next Presidential election.—N. Y. Independent.

DAVID H. ROSS, Esq., of Conshohocken fame, is announced as a republican candidate for the Pennsylvania Legislature. Noble aspirations expand the bosom of David H. Ross, Esq. To what extent his chest would bulge, if nominated and elected, we will not presume to say. If he is successful it will be in order to advise a speedy enlargement of the Harrisburg law-manufacturing temple. While the contest goes on let the American eagle soar and scream.

Our dignified cotemporary, the Norristown Herald, is not in favor of retiring Dr. Evans, present Congressman from this district, this year. Two years ago this same shining star in the republican firmament did all in its power to defeat Evans. We did not anticipate so sudden a shift of heart in that direction. It ought to be a matter of no little satisfaction, to the friends of Dr. Evans at least, to know that our cotemporary has manifested such a change of sentiment.

SENATOR CAMERON's resolution to discharge the Senate Finance Committee from the further consideration of the Trade Dollar bill was voted down in the Senate Tuesday. The Pennsylvania Senator straightway introduced a joint resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase trade dollars at par to an amount not exceeding \$10,000,000 and pay for them in standard dollars, the purchase to be made prior to September next. Senator Cameron has a level head on this question. But Congress is not legislating in the interest of the masses this year. It is trying to make a President, and the bullion kings are not miserly contributors.

JOSEPH E. THROPP, of Edge Hill, this county, is again a candidate for Congressional honors in the Seventh district. I. Newton Evans, present congressman, is a candidate for re-nomination. A warm contest between these two gentlemen is expected. Our preference, inasmuch as the district is hopelessly republican, is Jos. E. Thropp. He is a young man of considerable talent—progressive and energetic. We think he would reflect honor and credit upon the district. Dr. Evans has been useful in some respects as a representative. However, he has failed to manifest any qualifications beyond the ordinary. His political prejudices are monumental. He has drawn a good draught from the public teat. He has been amply compensated for all the labor he has performed—the vote against Porter included. Whilst there are a great many worse public officials than Dr. Evans, yet we kindly advise him to let go his hold upon the public crib. It's Thropp's turn now.

### OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 1, 1884. The death of General Ward B. Burnett, which occurred here on Monday last, removes another of the old soldiers who have performed their full share in upholding the glory of the Republic. I remember well when Burnett was made a hero of in New York city upon his return from Mexico with his command. It was an ovation participated in by the whole population regardless of party, or sentiment as to the holiness or unholiness of the Mexican war. Burnett took not only an active part, but a leading part in the three great battles that finally brought about the vanquishment of the army, and his name was included in the vote of thanks passed by Congress for brave and brilliant services.

The first session of the 48th Congress is on its last legs. It has done a great deal of good work, not a little of vicious legislation, and a considerable that had better been left undone. Each branch has adopted several measures of public utility which cannot be acted upon by the other for want of time in some cases, and want of inclination in others. The repeal of the Pre-emption and Timber Culture laws by the House, for instance, will scarcely reach the Senate in time for action at this session, and should it go over now its opponents in the Senate will see that it has no day in court at the short session. The Senate has passed the Mexican Pensions bill, not as it passed the House, but with a unbecoming amendment to it, offered by Mr. Cullom, to include soldiers of the late war not included in other pension bills. Of course the House will sit down on this amendment savagely, and the poor Mexican veterans will have to appeal to some future Congress if they would get on the pension-roll in this life. The land grant forfeitures to the amount of some millions of acres may possibly get to the President for approval, but the cases of the northern Pacific and other of the big ones, are in a state of dubious uncertainty. The evidence of the treachery and duplicity of George Bliss, as one of the prosecuting counsel in the Star Route cases, is being piled up mountain-high before Mr. Springer's committee. It behooves Bliss to resort to the confession-

al and give up the whole story, which he declares would involve so many others besides himself.

The Fitz-John Porter case is before the President awaiting action. Whether Mr. Arthur signs the bill reinstating Porter in the army, or vetoes it, it will make no difference in the amount of persistency with which this old soldier will follow up his claim. He has been at it for twenty long years, and if he is really guilty of all that has been charged against him (which amounts to a simple matter of jealousy of a brot her officer) he has suffered ample punishment therefor, and the country will not perish if he should be reinstated. If our asperities against those who fought on the Confederate side are softening to the extent of welcoming them all back with open arms, how much more magnanimous would our action be in excusing one of our own officers (and admitted to be a gallant one) for so slight an offence.

The developments that have been made recently that involve the cupidity and corruption of several Government officers, simply demonstrates the present condition of Washington society. The pay of no officer, civil or military, is adequate to the demands made upon him for the maintenance of any sort of a social status, and so resort to the commission of crime becomes a necessity simultaneously with the taking up of a residence at the capital. By this I am not to be understood as saying that all who stand well in Washington society are thieves, though I might say that thieves are among those who hold the highest social rank, and some of them are absolute satellites in the galaxy of snobdom. Sport.

### Interesting Paragraphs.

It will, perhaps, interest the young man who has contracted to supply his sweetheart at the seaside with confectionery for the Summer to know that about \$32,000,000 is spent annually in the same way by his unsophisticated brethren.

The Shoemakers' Guild of Berlin recently celebrated the 600th anniversary of their incorporation in 1384 by a great procession, numbering more than 4,000 persons, which passed before the Royal Palace, where the Emperor and the Crown Prince stood on the balcony to see it.

The most successful counterfeit of the dime is said to be made of glass mixed with some base metal by a process unknown to ordinary workers in metal and glass. The counterfeit looks exactly like the genuine ten-cent piece, but on being struck with a hammer it is crushed to pieces.

A man during a lifetime of 50 years, according to a paper recently read before the Academy of Sciences, Paris, sleeps away an aggregate of 6,000 days, works away the same period, eats away 2,000 days, walks away 800 days, is ill during 500 days, and amuses himself with the remainder of his half-century on earth.

In Morocco, when a thief is caught in the most trivial offense, they politely request him to hold up both hands. Then they ask him what hand he would prefer to have in his possession, and when he has made his choice they cut off the other. When a thief has lost both hands and also his feet, he loses his head and stops stealing.

An old woman in Swansea, Wales, hid \$450 in gold in a sack and unluckily forgot about it, when the sack was filled with corn and sent to the mill. But she thought of it at last, rushed frantically after the bag, and found the miller wondering and swearing at a great rate because his mill-stones were clogged. The money was all recovered, but badly battered.

Thomas G. Appleton, of Boston, who died recently had a strong infusion of the traditional Yankee shrewdness. He once advertised a fine horse for sale "for no other reason than that his owner wished to leave Boston." The facts were that the horse was refused to go over a bridge and that it was impossible to get out of Boston without going over a bridge.

A lady in New York City has just finished a silk quilt composed of 14,000 pieces, each about the size of a ten cent piece. The pieces are hexagonal, and there are on an average ten stitches on each of the six sides, which makes the total number of stitches 420,000. It has taken Mrs. Collins seven years to make this quilt, working at it during her spare hours. It has been valued by a large dry goods house on Broadway at \$500 or 600.

A crematory is to be built at Buffalo, N. Y., modelled after the famous one at Milan. No flame, but intense heat, will be used to reduce the bodies to ashes. The high temperature is afforded through pipes from a movable heater, which will be connected with the furnace. The required heat by this method must be 800 degrees, and it will take four hours to reduce a body to ashes.

A strange death of a little girl by accidentally swallowing a lightning bug is reported from Concord, N. C. The child was playing in the yard with a number of other children, at her parents' house, near Odell's factory, and while laughing and romping about a lightning bug flew into her mouth and made its way down her throat. The little girl became suddenly ill, and, though physicians did everything to relieve her sufferings, she died within a few hours afterward. This is the first death from such a cause on record.

The body burns, whether placed in earth or fire; in one case it takes 10 to 20 years, and in the other it takes minutes. Cremation is the proper and scientific way to dispose of dead organic matter. When the body is cremated there is no further fear from disease germs in the body. The only plausible objection which has been offered against cremation is that in case

of homicide through the administration of deadly poisons valuable evidence might be destroyed; but this is not a serious objection in the face of the many advantages gained. All innovations in sanitary science have had to fight their way inch by inch. Vaccination had a hard struggle, but came out triumphant, and so we predict for cremation a glorious victory, a triumph of good sense and science.—*Ionian Centinel*.

The land grant forfeiture bills now before the Senate deal with prodigious figures, as well they may, in view of the magnitude of the gifts of Congress during the last thirty-five years for railroad purposes. The first grants were those of Sept. 20, 1850 to Illinois for the Illinois Central, and to Mississippi and Alabama for the Mobile and Ohio, in aid of railroad connection between Chicago and Mobile. Their aggregate amounts were 3,830,093 acres. The following year Missouri received nearly two millions for the Hannibal and St. Joseph and the Pacific and Southwest Branch. In 1853 the Arkansas roads had their share of land, and so the work went on. During the war, however, and just after its close, when the great transcontinental roads were built, the most enormous grants were made. The Union Pacific alone received twelve millions of acres; the Atlantic and Pacific, forty-two millions; the Northern Pacific, forty-seven millions. This last colossal grant was larger than the State of Pennsylvania, and nearly as large as New York. In all, 190,693,951 acres have been given to corporations and to States for railroad purposes. The vast area, amounting to nearly 300,000 square miles, is more than four times as large as all New England or six times as large as New York. Yet some of the grants have been honestly earned by the beneficiaries.

### Philadelphia Produce Market.

| FLOUR.                    |        |   |        |
|---------------------------|--------|---|--------|
| Pennsylvania Extra Family | 4 50   | @ | 4 75   |
| Western Extra             | 5 10   | @ | 6 00   |
| Rye Flour                 | 3 25   | @ | 3 50   |
| GRAIN.                    |        |   |        |
| Red Wheat                 | 90     | @ | 1 03   |
| Corn                      | 55     | @ | 57     |
| Oats                      | 35     | @ | 38 1/2 |
| Rye                       | 65     | @ | 70     |
| PROVISIONS.               |        |   |        |
| Mess Pork                 | 17 50  | @ | 18 00  |
| Mess Beef                 | 12 50  | @ | 13 50  |
| Dried Beef                | 16 00  | @ | 17 00  |
| Beef Hams                 | 13 00  | @ | 14 00  |
| Hams                      | 13 1/2 | @ | 14 1/2 |
| Sides                     | 10     | @ | 10 1/2 |
| Shoulders                 | 8 1/2  | @ | 9      |
| Pickled Shoulders         | 7 1/2  | @ | 8      |
| Lard                      | 9      | @ | 9 1/2  |
| SEEDS.                    |        |   |        |
| Clover                    | 8      | @ | 8 1/2  |
| Flaxseed                  | 1 10   | @ | 1 15   |
| Timothy                   | 1 50   | @ | 1 55   |

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We publish the following schedule gratuitously for the convenience of our readers. Passenger trains leave Collegeville Station as follows:

| FOR PHILADELPHIA AND POINTS SOUTH.       |             |
|--|-------------|
| Milk.....                                | 6.55 a. m.  |
| Accommodation.....                       | 8.28 a. m.  |
| Market.....                              | 1.25 p. m.  |
| Accommodation.....                       | 4.42 p. m.  |
| FOR ALLENTOWN AND POINTS NORTH AND WEST. |             |
| Mail.....                                | 7.03 a. m.  |
| Accommodation.....                       | 9.14 a. m.  |
| Market.....                              | 3.13 p. m.  |
| Accommodation.....                       | 6.41 p. m.  |
| SUNDAYS—SOUTH.                           |             |
| Milk.....                                | 6.50 a. m.  |
| Accommodation.....                       | 6.50 p. m.  |
| NORTH.                                   |             |
| Accommodation.....                       | 10.02 a. m. |
| Milk.....                                | 5.53 p. m.  |

All communications, business or otherwise, transmitted to us through the mails, to receive immediate attention, must be directed to Collegeville, P. O., hereafter.

Next week's issue of this paper will appear on Friday, instead of Thursday.

J. G. Fetterolf, auctioneer, sold for Wm. Bean at Skippackville, last Wednesday evening, 28 acres of grass, in lots to various purchasers, for \$504.

Mr. J. L. Heebner, of Norritownville, has in his possession a silk handkerchief which has been in the family 145 years. It was owned by his great, great grandfather.

John Harris, a well known colored resident of Upper Merion, died at the Montgomery Almshouse last week, at the advanced age of 94. His wife still survives him.

The appeals of the butchers and drovers from the spring assessment for mercantile taxation are placed on the regular argument list for the September term of court.

A gospel temperance meeting was held in Trinity Christian church, this place, last Sunday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Siegfried, of Lower Providence, and Rev. H. T. Spangler, of Trappe, made addresses.

A jury of viewers last week awarded \$8,100 damages to Mrs. Gertrude W. Thompson, of Mont Clare, this township, for injuries sustained through the construction of the Penna. Schuylkill Valley Railroad through her farm.

Wm. Prizer, of this township, if report be true, is the chief among the fishermen. He was fishing in the Perkiomen near Yerkies, last Friday when he caught a bass that weighed 4½ pounds and measured 18 inches in length.

Ex-District Attorney I. P. Wanger, of Norritown, was married on Wednesday, last week, to Miss Emma Titlow. The ceremony took place at Jeffersonville, at the residence of Mr. A. S. Davis, a brother-in-law of the bride. The newly wedded couple enjoy the congratulations of a large circle of admiring friends.

A house and lot in Montgomery township, the property of S. B. Helfenstein, editor of the Norritown Defender, has been for some time without a tenant. Mr. Helfenstein visited the premises last week and found that the pump had been taken from the well and carried off. Brother Helfenstein may expect, on his next visit to his premises, to find the shingles of his house removed. Montgomery township has much to answer for.

The recently passed by Congress reducing the rate of postage on transient newspapers, when sent by others than the publishers, is now in operation. In effect, the act passed, reduces the postage on transient newspapers one half. The law heretofore exacted one cent for each two ounces or fractional parts thereof. The new rate allows a paper or periodical not exceeding four ounces to be transmitted any distance through the mails for one cent.

Solomon K. Grimley, a Justice of the Peace, and farmer, residing near Schwenksville, was on Wednesday, last week, held by a United States Commissioner upon the charge of receiving an illegal fee in the collection of a pension. It is alleged that Mary Leister, of Limerick township, employed him to collect a pension of \$1600 due her on account of the death of her son from injuries received during the rebellion, and that he retained \$300 for his services. Ten dollars only is allowed. Grimley will be further dealt with.

Henry Y. Linderman, a prominent citizen of Limerick township, died suddenly in bed early Wednesday morning last week, of paralysis of the heart, aged 53 years. Previous to retiring on

Tuesday evening he made preparations to attend on Wednesday, the funeral of George Brant, a relative. About 3 o'clock Wednesday morning his wife heard him moaning. A few minutes later he died. Deceased was a son of the late Isaac Linderman. He has four brothers living, James, Philip, Isaac and R. J. Linderman. He leaves a widow and two children. He was a democratic candidate for Director of the Poor, four years ago, and for many years filled the office of School Director of Limerick township. He was an elder and deacon of the Reformed church at Limerick. The funeral was held on Sunday and was very largely attended.

### Teachers Appointed.

The School Directors of this Independent district, made the following appointments last week: Trappe, Mr. Nicholas, principal; Miss Lena Shuler, primary. Collegeville, Miss Alice Hunsicker, principal; Miss Jennie Gordon, primary.

This locality furnished four lady graduates this season, in the persons of Misses Minerva Weinberger, Bertha Hendricks, Kate B. Willard and Alice Hunsicker. Miss Weinberger took first honor in the classical department and Miss Hendricks first honor in the scientific department of Ursinus College. Miss Willard took first honor at the Allentown Female College, and Miss Hunsicker took second honor in a class of 45, graduating from the Millersville Normal School. It is hardly necessary to state that it was an extremely chilly day when "our girls," and "our boys," too, get left, in educational matters.

A. S. Hallman, Esq., of Norritown has rendered a decision in the case of Isaac Wanner vs. the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery County. The plaintiff claimed \$55 the amount he expended in repairing a barn on his premises in Lower Providence, which was insured in the company. Wanner alleges that the damage was caused by a storm, just before Christmas 1883. At the hearing some time ago the plaintiff testified that the first intimation he had of anything wrong with the barn was about December 27, 1883, when he received a postal card from D. G. Getty, President of the company, stating that the barn was in bad condition and that if it fell down the company would not be responsible. Upon investigation the plaintiff found the trouble had been caused by a heavy snow storm. He repaired the barn at a cost of \$56. Evidently, showing that the barn had been in a bad condition for a number of years. F. W. Wetherill, one of the witnesses, said it was scarcely safe to drive past it. The Justice rendered a decision in favor of the plaintiff for \$55.

### From Our Trappe Correspondent.

Rev. Perry Beaver was in town last week, attending the Annual Commencement at Ursinus College. He was staying with his uncle, J. K. Beaver.

The regular monthly meeting of the Lyceum connected with Aug. Lutheran Church will be held this (Thurs.) evening.

Jacob Rittenhouse, son of David Rittenhouse deceased, living one mile west of this place, was kicked in a frightful manner on Thursday last. He was cleaning the stable when from some cause unknown the horse kicked him, fracturing his skull, crushing it in above the ear, rendering him unconscious. He was at once carried to the house, and at this writing is still in an unconscious state. He is attended by Drs. Rittenhouse of Reading and Coleman of Limerick Square who say that his recovery is much in doubt.

Yes they did, the Trappe belles with their beaux attended the exercises at Ursinus college on Wednesday evening and were caught in the rain, some of them came home that night while two couples had to remain at the hotel all night, others had to stay until morning. Some were seen to leave early, carrying lanterns, while the last one left about 9 o'clock next morning.

Trappe can truly boast of a number of brave ladies. They can drive the largest and most fractious horses, and when it comes to the test, they can drive race too.

Your Norritown correspondent of last week while speaking of the visit of the Lyceum of this place, alludes to them as being a very thirsty party. This has brought about much inquiry among our townspeople. Are we to infer that he means strong drink, such as whiskey, beer, etc? The term is often used in that sense, but of course it does not fit in this case.

### Deaths.

Mrs. Laura B., wife of Rev. O. P. Smith, pastor of Augustus Lutheran church, died at her residence, Trappe, Monday afternoon, on her 87 birthday. Although the deceased had been ill for some time her death was sudden and unexpected. We tender our most heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved husband and pastor. The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon next at 2 o'clock. The public is invited to attend. Interment at Augustus Lutheran cemetery, Trappe.

A son of James Cassel, Rahn Station, died Monday night, aged 13 years, of scarlet fever. The funeral will be held to-morrow at 10 o'clock, a. m. Interment at Trinity church cemetery, this place. Three other children of the same family are suffering with a similar disease. The afflicted parents have the sympathy of the entire community in which they reside.

Since writing the above, another son of Mr. and Mrs. Cassel, aged about 11 years, died of the same dreadful disease.

Mrs. Catharine Freed died at the residence of Mrs. Catharine Johnson,

this place, Sunday night, aged 73 years. The funeral is announced to take place to day.

A rain storm, not likely to be forgotten soon, visited this section Wednesday night, last week. The rain fell in torrents during the greater part of the night, and continued falling until about 9 o'clock Thursday morning. At noon, Thursday, it was noticed that the Perkiomen had overflowed its banks to a considerable extent, and instead of being a quiet stream, as usual, it was a mighty river—broad, deep, wild. No serious damages arising from the storm and flood had been reported in this locality. In the western part of the State much damage was done by swollen streams. Several lives were destroyed by lightning.

### From Ironbridge.

An esteemed correspondent sends us the following:

A few days ago a man who probably weighs 200 pounds avoirdupois, started out to catch black bass. In going across the beautiful green meadows he came in contact with a barbed wire fence. The encounter was interesting viewed from a distance. Backward, then forward, a pull this way and a pull in another direction—there he was in a pitiable plight. After much vexation of spirit he extricated himself. The seat of his pantaloons, tattered and torn, told the story in a simple way. He reached the Perkiomen stream, cast his eyes towards the placid water and saw no small number of large bass. The scene strengthened his desire to make an enviable record as a bass fisherman. He baited his hook with a tadpole and threw in the line. Silence reigns for a moment, and then away goes the cork and the battle begins. The fish pulled one way and the fisherman the other—both wanted a feast, but quicker than thought the line tore and the bass was free. Sad predicament, no bass for dinner, no hook, no line. But our fisherman turned about, made a bee line for the store, purchased a new line, rod and reel, and expressed a determination to catch that bass, if it took five years. And he it remembered that whoever catches a bass having two hooks and about ten feet of line fastened to it will receive a reward of five dollars. The story ends here, and the fisherman is not quite as happy as he would like to be.

J. P. Koons reports business good. He has quite a number of houses to roof. At present he is roofing Irwin P. Williams' house, and will finish the job in a few days. Jonathan Hunsberger is doing the carpenter work.

The addition to Isaac B. Rahn's house is nearly completed.

The house that was burned, in connection with the straw hat factory, will be rebuilt in a short time by the owner, Henry G. Bean. A man named Neice, of Skippackville, has the contract.

Our friend Daniel, the miller, is always up and doing. Last week he received two new water wheels of the most improved pattern, and his facilities for doing all kinds of work in the future cannot be surpassed in this section of the county. Neither low water nor a freezing temperature will cause the new wheels to stop.

Frank Faringer has purchased a new reaper and binder. He says the machine works well, and Frank knows.

C. M. Hunsicker's wheat crop on the island was damaged considerably by the flood last Thursday.

The Ironbridge Comet Band is in readiness for any engagement that they may receive. The boys make a handsome appearance in their new suits, and their music is choice.

Reiff Gottschall has received a contract to build two new school houses in East Perkiomen township, and will commence the work at once.

G. F. Hunsicker's store still leads in quality of goods, completeness of stock, and low prices. SLACK.

### OUR NORRISTOWN LETTER

NORRISTOWN, June 30, 1884. The great event with us as with the people of Collegeville, during the past week was "Commencement." At two o'clock on Friday afternoon the twenty-second annual Commencement exercises of the Norritown High School, were held in Music hall. The graduating class consisted of seventeen young ladies and twelve young gentlemen. They were seated in a double semicircle on the stage, the ladies occupying the front row of chairs and the gentlemen sitting back of them. The front of the stage was covered with flowers and presents which were afterward distributed to the graduates. The different orations, essays and recitations given by members of the class were well rendered and enthusiastically received. John Rittenhouse was the salutatorian, and gave an oration on "Rittenhouse the Astronomer." Miss Mary E. Fox was the valedictorian and read a valedictory essay. Prof. A. D. Eisenhower, principal of the High School and Borough Superintendent J. K. Gotwals each made a short address. The latter presented the diplomas to the members of the class. The music for the occasion was furnished by the pupils of the High School and Knecht's orchestra. The exercises attracted a very large audience and every inch of available room was taken up, indeed the crowd was so large and sometimes so noisy that it was with difficulty that those in the rear of the hall heard any of the exercises except the music.

In Friday's Herald I noticed an article signed "Fair Play" in which the Norritown correspondent of the PROVIDENCE INDEPENDENT is accused of saying that "an article in a recent issue of the Herald commending Alan W. Corson as a candidate for Recorder," was written by some person near akin to him." To prevent a misunderstanding, I will quote the exact words as they may be found in last week's INDE-

PENDENT. They are as follows: "As to the aforesaid article in the Herald, although highly eulogistic it certainly loses much of its force upon us, when we agree with the general opinion that it was written by some person near akin to him." "Fair Play" forgot his fairness when he took a qualified part of a sentence and dealt with it in an unqualified manner. Your correspondent may believe with many others that the article was written by a near relative, but he has no authority to say so positively. "Fair Play" says further that the article was written by "a well known ex-official, now absent from home." The article was signed Conveyancer." We know of no ex-official who is a conveyancer, and who was out of town during the latter part of last week. "Fair Play" thinks the gentleman would not object to having his name published—we hope he will publish it, for we are really desirous of knowing who the "Conveyancer" is.

There was a short session of court this morning for the transaction of miscellaneous business and the argument of special cases set for to-day. Judge Boyer filed various opinions in reference to granting new licenses and old ones against which remonstrances had been filed. I will give you an account of the two Upper Providence cases.

In the matter of the rule to show cause why the liquor store license of Allen H. Heist, of Mount Clare, Upper Providence, should not be revoked. The Court read an opinion discharging the rule. He stated that it was questionable whether a liquor store at that place was a necessity or not, but as there seemed to be a demand for the one already established he would not revoke the license.

In the matter of the application of Patrick Smart for a liquor store license at the same place. The license was refused on the ground that there is no necessity for another liquor store at Mount Clare.

The Court made the following order concerning the granting of restaurant licenses:

In the court of Quarter Sessions of Montgomery county: Now, June 30, 1884, it is ordered that hereafter no license to keep an eating house or restaurant will be granted by this court unless the petition for the same shall be accompanied by a declaration in writing, filed of record, under the oath or affirmation of the petitioner, that the applicant has made the necessary arrangements for an eating bar, and that he is prepared to furnish at least a cold lunch of wholesome food whenever called for during the hours when his establishment is open for the sale of drinks; and that he will sell no liquors, or knowingly allow them to be sold or drunk upon his premises, except those which are permitted by his license.

B. M. BOYER, P. J.  
LEE.

### Home Flashes and Stray Sparks From Abroad.

—Summer weather. Fact.

—Are you ready to celebrate the 4th of July. If not, why not?

—A colored lad, named Howard Phillips, was drowned in Stony Creek, Norritown, Tuesday morning.

—Yes, 'tis true the boys have left us again. And they are good boys too—a large majority of them at least.

—The chief of national holidays is the Fourth of July. It will be observed, as usually this year.

—The farmers of this section are very busy haymaking and harvesting. They will enjoy their holiday later on.

—This town will tug along a few days minus the presence of the publisher of this paper, after the issue this week is mailed. To those who might wish otherwise we will state that we do not expect to be absent long.

—Our townsman F. G. Hobson, Esq., is building an office adjoining his residence, this place. It is to be first-class in every particular.

—David Allebach, near this place, has constructed a neat and substantial fence in front of his premises.

—Departed students! Long sighs! Tears unmeasured.

—The man who has encountered few of the hardships of life is often ignorant of sympathy.

—A valuable horse belonging to A. D. Wagner, Trappe, died of colic last week.

—D. L. Rambo, son of Dr. A. Rambo, Trappe, arrived here Sunday morning from Thomaston, Texas, where he was engaged as teacher.

—There is such a thing, probably, as starting out on the tide of the best effort of ones life. A part of some kind is reached.

—It would be easier to make the most of life, occasionally, if we knew the why and wherefore of some things.

—Brother Roberts, of the Phoenixville Messenger, was in town last Thursday and attended the Ursinus Commencement. His presence attracted no little attention. "A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country." We can't say whether this old phrase fits O. K., or not, but we do know that a great many people over this way have a good word for him and his excellent, wide-awake paper. It would be simply nonsense for anyone to suppose that brother Roberts could visit our old depot and say nothing about it afterwards. That's not Roberts. He can fully appreciate the difference between a depot in fact and an apology for a depot—such as we have here. He says:

"True enough that station is a station that is a station. It was at one time, evidently a dwelling house, whence the inhabitants fled upon the approach of the iron innovation, the railroad company immediately taking possession

and holding it. Its architecture we fail, as the result of a cursory observation, fully to determine, but judge it is an outcome of the mediæval, somewhere about the time of the Tower of Babel confusion. But the architecture is not nearly as striking as the condition of the structure, its abandonment, friendliness of appearance and general and absolute decay."

That's good. Give it another.

—An order has been issued to the agents on the Perkiomen Railroad authorizing them to sell excursion tickets at regular excursion rates to all points on that road and to all points on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad to which they have a rate of fare, to be sold July third, and to be good to return until July seventh inclusive.

### Ursinus Commencement.

The exercises of the 13th annual commencement of Ursinus College opened on Sunday evening June 22nd, in St. Lukes Reformed Church, with the Baccalaureate address, by Rev. H. W. Super, D. D., vice president of the college. Rev. H. T. Spangler, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Dr. Clapp, president of the Catawissa College, Newton N. C., also occupied the pulpit, and participated in the exercises.

Monday evening June 23, Rev. Dr. Klopp of Philadelphia addressed the two literary Societies connected with the college, in the chapel on the subject "Workers and their work." He was conducted to the chapel by the presidents of the two societies, followed by the members of the same. The exercises were opened with music, by the choir of St. Lukes Reformed church, after which the opening prayer was given by Rev. J. H. Hendricks, of Collegeville. Miss H. A. Rittenhouse favored the audience with a fine solo, after which the president of the Zwinglian Society introduced the orator of the evening, who delivered a very eloquent address which contained many interesting thoughts—valuable to students and to young persons starting out in life. The speaker was loudly applauded and many were sorry when he had ended.

Tuesday evening, June 24. The Junior prize contest was held in the Chapel. The prizes were offered by the Class of 1877, and consisted of \$15 and \$10 in gold. The Judges were Revs. H. T. Spangler, J. H. Hendricks, and O. P. Smith. The contestants were Jas. B. May, J. L. Murphy, S. H. Phillips and O. P. Schellhammer. The prizes were awarded to J. L. Murphy, first, and Jas. B. May, second. S. H. Phillips and O. P. Schellhammer received honorable mention. The music was in charge of H. A. Bomberger, assisted by Mame T. Kratz, and Mr. Kemble—a guest at "Prospect Terrace."

Wednesday evening, June 25. The annual Oration before the Alumni Association was delivered by Rev. Percy Y. Shelly, of Hamburg, upon the subject, "Speculations in Dust." The orator handled his subject admirably, in a manner that indicated careful preparation. He received vigorous applause. The music was furnished by Gresh Bros., of Norritown, and the popular singer, Miss Ella Heist, of Doylestown. Miss Heist is a great favorite among the people of Collegeville. The audience was dismissed by the benediction pronounced by the Rev. J. C. Clapp, of Newton, N. C.

Thursday, June 26. A day long to be remembered, not only by those who were graduated, but by all who were in attendance. The morning presented a most dismal appearance, the wind blew, and the rain fell in torrents. Notwithstanding this, however, the people began to convene at an early hour, and by the time appointed the church was comfortably filled. The exercises were opened with music, followed by prayer by Rev. Dr. Van Horn of Philadelphia. The orchestra then rendered a selection, after which the Salutatory was given by P. W. Snyder, of Segersville, Pa., upon the subject, "The Beautiful in Virtue." In treating his subject Mr. Snyder dealt with the ethical, the ethical, and moral. He is a good speaker, and deserves the honor he received. John A. Keiper, of Elizabethtown, Pa., gave an excellent oration, subject, "Education our own work." Mr. Keiper has been before the public frequently during his collegiate course, but never acquitted himself with so much honor as upon this, his last appearance as a student at Ursinus. Henry A. Bomberger, of Collegeville, was then announced and spoke upon the subject, "National Benefactors." Mr. Bomberger is a favorite speaker, and his appearance was enthusiastically greeted. His oration embodied a good deal of solid common sense. David S. Fogleman, of Womelsdorf, Pa., delivered an oration upon the subject, "Theory and Practice." H. Alvin Hunsicker and James W. Meminger were then called to the stage, and delivered excellent orations upon the subjects, "Science" and "Soul Education." These two gentlemen are the orators of Ursinus, the heavy weights, as it were, and they did not in any degree lower their rank on this occasion. Mr. Meminger's fine personal appearance, the subject matter of his oration, his elegant diction, and faultless style, combined to make him the chief orator. J. J. Stauffer, of Galt's Station, Pa., followed with an oration upon the subject, "Truth crushed to earth will rise again." Next came the most important event of the day. The first lady graduate of Ursinus, Miss Bertha Hendricks was introduced and delivered a very beautiful oration upon the subject, "The Beautiful and the Useful." Miss Hendricks is a very fine declaimer, and the hearty and prolonged applause which she received showed how well she was appreciated. Next was the Valedictory, by Miss Minerva Weinberger. This was looked forward to with great interest. The applause when she rose was deafening, and some time intervened before she could proceed. Her subject was "Dreams." She spoke of the dreams of a class, picturing to themselves a brilliant future. Her farewell address was pathetically grand, and many were the tears seen in the eyes of the audience before she ended. The Vice-President, Dr. Super, conferred the degrees upon the class, and also upon Joseph E. Saylor, of Limerick, who had finished his course a year ago. The Doctor's address to the graduates was brief, though full of meaning. Dr. Bomberger, President of the College, now in Europe, sent hearty greetings to the assembled friends of Ursinus, and the same were communicated to the audience by Dr. Super.

The music furnished by the Eureka Orchestra was very favorably commented upon.

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The members of the Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of Montgomery county are hereby notified that a contribution was levied on May 20, 1884, of One Dollar on each One Thousand Dollars for which they are insured, and that M. McGlathery, Treasurer of said Company, will attend at his office, No. 506 South Street, in City of Norritown, from this date to receive said assessments. Extract of Charter, Section 6th.—"Any member failing to pay his or her Assessment or Tax within 40 days after the above publication shall forfeit and pay for such neglect double such rates, and in case default is made 50 days after the expiration of the 40 days aforesaid, such defaulting member may be at the option of the Board of Managers, excluded from all benefits under their policies, and yet be held liable for all past Taxes and Penalties." Persons sending money by mail must accompany it with postage for the return of a receipt. I desire every member to be punctual. June 3, '84. M. MCGLATHERY, Treasurer.

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Yerkies Creamery Company, A Meeting of the Stockholders of the said Yerkies Creamery Company will be held on the First Day of September, A. D. 1884, between the hours of 8 a. m. and 12 noon, at the Creamery, for the purpose of determining by a vote of said Stockholders to be ascertained by an election to be held during the time aforesaid, in due form of law, at the chief office and place of business at the Creamery at Yerkies Station in Upper Providence Township, Montg. co., Pa., Whether an assessment of Three Dollars and Fifty Cents per share or any other amount not exceeding in the whole the amount at which each share was originally limited, shall be assessed upon each and every share of Stock in the Capital Stock of said Corporation for the purpose of raising money to pay off the debt contracted in the purchase of the real estate and erection of the buildings of said Corporation. By order of the Board of Directors. E. LONGACRE, President.

Attest: G. W. ZIMMERMAN, Secretary.

## FIRE! FIRE!

NOTICE.—The members of the Union Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Co., of Montgomery county are hereby notified that a contribution was levied on May 20, 1884, of One Dollar on each One Thousand Dollars for which they are insured, and that Henry Flock, Treasurer of said Company, will attend at the office of the Company, Swede Street, opposite the Court House, in the borough of Norritown, from this date to receive said assessments. Extract of Charter, Section 6th.—"Any member failing to pay his or her assessment or tax within 40 days after the above publication shall forfeit and pay for such neglect double such rates, and in case default is made 50 days after the expiration of the 40 days aforesaid, such defaulting member may be at the option of the Board of Managers excluded from all benefits under their policies, and yet be held liable for all past taxes and penalties." Persons sending money by mail must accompany it with postage for the return of a receipt. HENRY FLOCK, Treasurer. June 16, 1884.

## NOTICE!

Notice is hereby given that the Treasurer of the Mingo Valley Creamery Association of Upper Providence Township, Montgomery county, Pa., will sell according to the Act of Assembly passed the 29th day of April, A. D. 1874, by Public Auction, a sufficient number of shares of stock in said Association, exceeding forty shares, which are the property of Jacob H. Price, on SATURDAY the FIFTH day of JULY, A. D. 1884, between the hours of five and six o'clock p. m., of said day, at the Creamery in Upper Providence township, said county of Montgomery and State of Pennsylvania. The said sale being held to raise money to pay an assessment of two dollars per share on forty shares of stock held by the said Jacob H. Price, together with all necessary and incidental charges thereon, having neglected and refused to pay the same for a period of more than thirty days after the time appointed for payment therefor. AMOS H. WANNER, Treasurer of the Mingo Valley Creamery Association.

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that on the FIFTH DAY OF JULY, A. D. 1884, between five and six o'clock p. m., of said day, will be sold at public sale in Upper Providence township, Montgomery county, Pa., at the office and place of business of the Mingo Valley Creamery Association in said township, county and State, the following number of shares in the Capital Stock of the Mingo Valley Creamery Association:

Twenty shares belonging to Henry M. Harley,  
Five " " " Jacob C. Harley,  
Five " " " A. K. Harley,  
Three " " " George Kercher,  
Four " " " Nathaniel Moyer,  
Twelve " " " S. S. Moyer,  
Forty " " " Jacob H. Price,  
Ten " " " Harrison Bean,  
Ten " " " James U. Bean,  
Five " " " Charles U. Bean,

or so many shares, not exceeding the number mentioned, as may be required to raise the amount of money to pay an assessment of two dollars per share, upon their said shares, duly and in accordance with law, assessed upon the Capital Stock of said corporation at a meeting called for the purpose, said sale being made under and by virtue of Clause 33 of the Act of Assembly passed the 29th day of April, A. D. 1874, and the aforesaid stockholders having neglected and refused for a long space of time to wit: for thirty days and more after the time appointed for payment, and still neglecting to pay said assessment. A. H. WANNER, Treas'r of Mingo Valley Creamery Association.

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## Agriculture and Science.

### HOW TO MAKE GOOD BUTTER.

I fully agree that cleanliness in stable and dairy is of great importance for the production of fine butter, but I am convinced that other causes are still of tender responsible for inferior quality. In setting the milk for cream raising, most small farmers have not the very best arrangements; they have no good milk-room, and in order to get as much cream as possible, the milk is kept longer than it ought to be; generally the milk is sour, often thick, before it is skimmed, while it ought to be sweet. Still this refers more to the warm season, and it is rather in the cool spring and fall that proportionally bad butter is made; then certainly the milk mostly is skimmed while yet sweet, but then the cream often is not treated with proper care. One of the first rules for making the finest butter, is to get the cream out of the milk as quick as possible, and then to have the cream in a proper condition for churning in the shortest possible time after it is skimmed. Suppose the milk is skimmed this morning and evening, that cream always ought to be ready for churning to-morrow morning; ready for churning means slightly sour and thick.

If your milk when skimmed is perfectly sweet, it must be warmed by setting it in a tub with warm water, and stirred till about seventy or eighty degrees Fh.; best then to keep it in a room of about sixty degrees; if the room is warmer you may heat the cream less, if colder, it may become necessary to heat your cream again in the morning before churning. Then churn it a proper temperature which means such as will make the butter come in about one-half or three quarters of an hour (average temperature sixty-two degrees) in a granulated state; by then adding a small quantity of cold water it is easier to separate the buttermilk from the butter then churn a short time, but not long enough to gather in large lumps; then remove the buttermilk and add about half the quantity of water, about fifty-eight degrees Fah., (too cold water is injurious), wash the butter in it, take it out, work and salt it; then it will be firm, and should only be left long enough for the salt to dissolve, which in a room of about sixty degrees will take only three or four hours; then work it again and pack or print it for market. The point is to have the butter ready for market as soon as possible after milking.

I do not intend to give a full advice for butter making, but only wish to state the principles on which now all the highest grades of butter from northern Europe is manufactured for the English market. That the principal causes for bad butter are more to be found in the treatment of the milk, the cream and the butter itself, than in the treatment of the cows, may be proven by the known fact that in hundreds of localities where before mostly bad butter was made and where a creamery or butter factory has been started, in most cases a fine article is produced of the very same milk; and I do not believe that farmers generally pay more attention to the food they give their cows or to the cleanliness in milking when they sell their milk to a factory than when they make the butter themselves; I think most milk patrons silently will admit this.—J. Mendenhall, Ohio.

VARIABLENESS OF PRICES.  
It seems a hard matter to estimate the cost of production, so far as it pertains to live stock. Everything is so subject to change, the unexpected always coming up, and that often so unexplainable, that it prevents even a satisfactory guess at what the future may bring forth. The demand for good stock is increasing, but the profit attending its production and sale is quite another thing, influenced as it is by so many local, and perhaps genial, conditions. The food problem most largely governs the situation, a result of the fluctuation in prices of hay and grain, which also practically defies any precision in estimating the cost of production, one year with another. It seems to be pretty clearly settled that stock for beef must be made to mature earlier than formerly, or there will be but little profit in the business.

The high fed steer matures his beef nearly two years sooner than the one on a less satisfactory diet, and at proportionately less cost, time care and feed considered. The methods of production which may have been profitable in the past cannot be relied upon to produce equally satisfactory results in the future. Careful study of circumstances and indications are essential features for consideration. The most successful farmer is the one who moves most judiciously and can look far the ther into the "millstone" of the future and most clearly calculate his chances.

PERVERTED BUTTER TASTES.  
Some of the leading dairy writers are flatly opposed to the use of salt in butter, claiming that by its use nothing is

added to the keeping qualities and pure, unsalted butter is more congenial to the refined and delicate taste than the salted article. Probably no declaration would strike a majority of the butter makers of this country as more ludicrous. And yet there may be ground for good argument in favor of the claims. Whether salt does really add to the qualities, is probably the chief point to decide. If butter is perfect when made, there may be no difficulty in keeping it perfect without salt, but a majority of that made is never a perfect article, and no amount of salt will keep it in even as good condition as the maker leaves it. As to the desire to taste salt in it, that is, of course, a matter of cultivation. The question of keeping may be settled by experiment. Who of our readers will make the test by putting away some with and some without salt, from the same churning, each quantity worked alike, and see what effect time will have upon it?—*Pennsylvania Farmer.*

### NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

In pursuance of an Act of Assembly approved March 17th, 1868, and supplementary acts thereto, the Treasurer of Montgomery County will meet the tax-payers of said county, at the following named times and places, for the purpose of receiving the State and County Taxes, for the year 1884, assessed in their respective districts, viz:

Township of Whitpain, at the public house of William C. Blackburn, on Thursday, July 3, from 10 to 3.  
Township of Lower Providence, at the public house of George W. Emery, on Tuesday, July 8, from 9 to 3.  
Township of Worcester, at the public house of Elijah Skeen, on Wednesday, July 9, from 10 to 3.  
Borough of Pottstown, east ward, at the public house of D. H. Bennett, on Thursday, July 10, from 9 to 4.  
Borough of Pottstown, 2d and 3d wards, at the public house of W. O'Brien, on Friday, July 11, from 9 to 4.  
Borough of Pottstown, west ward, at the public house of W. R. Shuler, on Saturday, July 12, from 9 to 3.  
Township of Limerick, at the public house of John S. Moore, on Monday, July 14, from 10 to 4.  
Township of Pottsgrove, lower, at the public house of Nathaniel Fryer, on Tuesday, July 15, from 8 to 12.  
Township of Pottsgrove, upper, at the public house of F. R. Pennypacker, on Tuesday, July 15, from 1 to 4.  
Township of Douglass, west, at the public house of Jacob L. Bickel, on Wednesday, July 16, from 8 to 11.  
Township of Douglass, east, at the public house of F. B. Fox, on Wednesday July 16, from 1 to 4.  
Township of New Hanover, at the public house of William Weand, on Thursday, July 17, from 9 to 3.  
Township of Frederick, at the public house of Milton S. Hauck, on Friday, July 18, from 8 to 2.  
Township of Marlborough, at the public house of Samuel Barndt, on Monday, July 21, from 10 to 2.  
Borough of Green Lane, at the public house of D. H. Raily, 2d, on Monday, July 21, from 9 p. m. to 12.  
Borough of East Greenville, at the public house of N. B. Keely, on Tuesday, July 22, from 10 to 3.  
Township of Upper Hanover, at the public house of Jonas Haring, on Wednesday, July 23, from 9 to 3.  
Township of Upper Salford, east, at the public house of Jacob F. Dannehower, on Thursday, July 24, from 8 to 11.  
Township of Upper Salford, west, at the public house of J. K. Bucher, on Thursday, July 24, from 1 to 4.  
Township of Lower Salford, at the public house of V. S. Ziegler, on Friday, July 25, from 9 to 3.  
Township of Perkiomen, west, at the public house of David H. Bean, on Monday, July 28, from 9 to 3.  
Township of Perkiomen, east, at the public house of Michael S. Croll, on Tuesday, July 29, from 9 to 3.  
Borough of Lansdale, at the public house of A. G. Freed, on Wednesday, July 30, from 9 to 3.  
Township of Franconia, at the public house of Gideon N. Nice, on Thursday, July 31, from 9 to 3.  
Township of Hatfield, at the public house of Oliver Althouse, on Friday, August 1, from 9 to 3.  
Township of Towamencin, at the public house of A. S. Bickel, on Saturday, August 2, from 10 to 3.  
Borough of Hathors, at the public house of John B. Jones, on Monday, August 4, 10 to 3.  
Township of Mooreland, lower, at the public house of Eli Engle, on Tuesday, August 5, from 8 to 12.  
Township of Mooreland, upper, at the public house of Thomas Dance, on Tuesday, August 5, from 1 to 4.  
Township of Abington, at the public house of Charles Cottman, on Wednesday, August 6, from 9 to 3.  
Borough of Jenkintown, at the public house of J. E. Cottman, on Thursday, August 7, from 10 to 3.  
Township of Cheltenham, at the public house of L. C. Clayton, on Friday, August 8, from 8 to 3.

Taxes not paid to the County Treasurer on or before the 15th day of September, 1884, will be given to the hands of a collector, when 5 per cent, will be added for collection, as per act of Assembly.  
HENRY A. COLE,  
Treasurer of Montgomery County.  
County Treasurer's Office,  
Norristown, May 26, 1884.

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June 8-ly.

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Mambrino Hasson,

The Thoroughbred Trotting Stallion will make the season of '84 from April 1st, at the stable of the owner, at Washington Square Hotel, Montgomery county. Charges, \$50 a mare. Mares not proving with foal can be returned next season free of charge.  
Mambrino Hasson was sired by Rel's Mambrino Pilot, who is the sire of Hannis Mambrino, Gift Emulous and other noted trotters, and Pilot was half brother to the noted Lady Thom.

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